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Ms. Carol Hanlon
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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I am writing to register my objections to the proposed shipments of radioactive wastes through St. Louis. I am opposed to this on the grounds that if a train wreck were to occur, areas would be contaminated, possibly causing thousands of deaths. If an accident were to occur in the suburb in which I live, Webster Groves, Missouri, all of the residents would be at risk and the neighborhood destroyed.

Earlier this year, there was a train derailment in Webster Groves and fourteen cars containing coal were turned over or jack-knifed. This was a serious accident causing traffic problems for days. If the cars had contained nuclear waste, much more serious damage would have occurred.

In addition, a train containing such wastes would be an easy target for terrorists. They could hold up and/or kill the engineers and take control of the train, or they could sabotage the tracks causing an accident. They could park a truck carrying diesel fuel on the track just as a train arrives at a high speed since the terrorists are willing to perform suicidal missions. This would cause a terrible catastrophe. It is irresponsible to assume that such trains or the tracks would not be the target of terrorists and the government should not ignore such risks. It is not fair to put my suburb or indeed anybody else's at risk for these shipments.

Due to the facts that there is no way to guarantee there will not be a train wreck and there is no guarantee terrorists will not sabotage the trains or tracks, I am vehemently opposed to these shipments.

Very truly yours,

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